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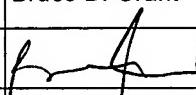
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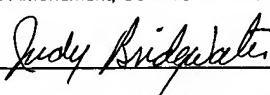
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office communication mailed July 29, 2003, which set a time for response to expire on August 29, 2003. As this amendment is filed before August 29, 2003, no petition for an extension of time is required. Claims 13-30 were subject to a requirement for restriction in the communication. Careful consideration has been given to the requirement for restriction and the following amendments and remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.